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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

<u>Listing of Clalms</u>

Claim 1 (currently amended): A planar light emitting mechanism, comprising:

a rectangular light guiding plate,

a lamp, disposed on a side of the light guiding plate, having a brighter effective emitting area totally distributed along the side of the light guiding plate in a concave shape with respect thereto and a curved darker emitting area adjacent to a corner of the light guiding plate.

Claim 2 (original): The planar light emitting mechanism as claimed in claim 1, wherein the brighter effective emitting area is curved.

Claim 3 (original): The planar light emitting mechanism as claimed in claim 1, wherein the lamp is tubular and longer than the side of the light guiding plate.

Claim 4 (original): The planar light emitting mechanism as claimed in claim 1, wherein the lamp is a Cold Cathode Fluorescent (CCFL).

Claim 5 (original): The planar light emitting mechanism as claimed in claim 1, wherein the lamp has a plurality of curved darker emitting areas.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A planar light emitting mechanism, comprising:

a rectangular light guiding plate having at least a round corner;

a lamp, disposed on a side of the light guiding plate, having a brighter effective emitting area totally distributed along the side of the light guiding plate in a concave shape with respect thereto and two darker emitting areas, wherein the brighter effective emitting area is between the darker emitting areas, and at least a darker emitting area is adjacent to the round corner.

Claim 7 (original): The planar light emitting mechanism as claimed in claim 6, wherein the darker emitting areas are curved.

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Claim 8 (original): The planar light emitting mechanism as claimed in claim 6, wherein the brighter effective emitting area is curved.

Claim 9 (original): The planar light emitting mechanism as claimed in claim 6, wherein the lamp is longer than the side of the light guiding plate.

Claim 10 (original): The planar light emitting mechanism as claimed in claim 6, wherein the lamp is a Cold Cathode Fluorescent Lamp (CCFL).